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SUBJ: CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

1. AT FIRST AND SECOND MEETINGS NOVEMBER 19 BETWEEN US AND GOE CIVAIR DELEGATIONS, FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED AND DISCUSSED:

A. CAPACITY REGULATION. USDEL SAID EXISTING AGREEMENT DID NOT PERMIT ONE SIDE UNILATERALLY TO DECIDE FREQUENCIES, CAPACITY, ETC., OF AIRLINES OF OTHER SIDE. AT MORNING SESSION, GOE DEL SAID IT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT WHEN WE PRESENTED "NO UNILATERAL RESTRICTION" LANGUAGE FOUND IN RECENT US AGREEMENTS, IT TURNED OUT GOE DID NOT AGREE AT ALL. GOE DELEGATION APPEARED TO TAKE POSITION THAT, USING EXISTING FREQUENCY LEVELS OF AIRLINES OB BOTH COUNTRIES AS BASE, ANY CHANGES BY EITHER REQUIRED BILATERAL CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT.

B. BRANIFF PERMIT. GOE DELEGATION SAID IT COULD CONSIDER INCLUDING GENERAL ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS IN PERMIT, INSTEAD OF SPECIFIC ITINERARIES, BUT COULD NOT OMIT SPECIFYINGHMAXIMUM FREQUENCY LEVELS. IT AGREED SIMPLIFY DOCUMENTARY FILING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE SPECIFICS ON WEDNESDAY.

C. ROUTES. AS EXPECTED, GOE DEL REQUESTED ADDITION NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES TO EXISTING AGREEMENT, WITH NEW YORK FIRST PRIORITY. USDEL SAID IT PREPARED CONSIDER THIS REQUEST IF ISSUES RELATING TO INTERPRETATION EXISTING AGREEMENT AND TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLEMENTATION THAT AGREEMENT SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

2. UNLESS THERE IS SOME FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN GOE POSITION, PROSPECTS REACHING FULL AGREEMENT ARE DIM. IF NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED, USDEL RECOMMENDS THAT IN ORDER NOT TO FOREGO THE OPTION OF PREVENTING ECUATORIANA'S FREQUENCY INCREASE FROM COMING INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 4 DUE TO PROCEDURAL DEFAULT, CAB PREPARE NECESSARY ORDER FOR SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME, WHICH WE ASSUME WOULD BE NOVEMBER 22. WE WILL MAKE FIRM RECOMMENDATION FOR RECEIPT WASHINGTON MORNING 22ND.
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